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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH GENERAL SHINGAL ON BANGLADESH

1. I SAW GENERAL SHINGAL, CHIEF OF STAFF OF EASTERN COMMAND, AT RECEPTION EVENING JULY 22 AND BRIEF DISCUSSION OF BANGLADESH SITUATION WITH HIM. SHINGAL SAID THERE IS SOME TENSION IN BANGLADESH AS RESULT OF TRIAL OF JSD PEOPLE AND EXECUTION OF COLONEL TAHER. THE GOVERNMENT IS AFRAID THAT THE JSD WILL OVER-THROW IT, SHINGAL SAID, BUT HE THOUGHT THAT UNLIKELY. SHINGAL MENTIONED THAT BANGLADESH AUTHORITIES ARE ALSO CONCERNED OVER RECENT MUTINY OF TROOPS IN THE NORTH, BUT IN THIS INSTANCE AS WELL HE DID NOT THINK SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES LIKELY. SHINGAL SAID HE DID NOT THINK A COUP COULD OCCUR IN BANGLADESH UNLESS A FOREIGN POWER WERE BEHIND IT (I DID NOT ASK THE OBVIOUS QUESTION ABOUT INDIAN INTENTIONS THAT THAT BROUGHT TO MIND).

2. I ASKED SHINGAL IF HE AND GENERAL JACOB WERE MUCH PRE-OCCUPIED CURRENTLY WITH THE FLOODS IN THE NORTHEAST. NO, HE SAID, THAT IS HANDLED BY THE STAFF IN THE AREA, ALL WE DO IS
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